

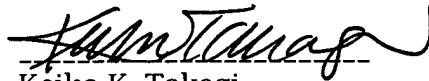
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REMARKS

Claims 1-7 and 12-14 are all the claims pending in this application. Applicants have amended claim 2 to replace "described" with --claimed--, and have amended claims 4 and 5 to prevent a multiple dependent claim from depending from another multiple dependent claim.

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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APPENDIX

VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO SHOW CHANGES MADE

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This is a Continuation of Application No. 09/233,451 filed January 20, 1999, the disclosure of which is incorporated herein by reference.--

IN THE CLAIMS:

Claims 8-11 and 15-75 are canceled.

The claims are amended as follows:

2. (Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor as [described] claimed in claim 1, in which the solid electrolyte layer is formed on an outer surface of the dielectric film or on the outer surface and inside the pores.

4. (Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 3], in which each unit layer of the solid electrolyte constituting the lamellar structure has a thickness in the range of 0.01-5 μ m and a total thickness of the solid electrolyte layer is in the range of 1-200 μ m.

5. (Amended) The solid electrolytic capacitor as claimed in [any one of claims] claim 1 [to 4], in which the solid electrolyte layer comprises a composition containing a π -electron conjugated polymer and/or other electrically conducting polymer.